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In re Application of:
Masafumi Okuma et al.

Art Unit 2839

Serial No. 10/074,377

Examiner Chandrika Prasad

Filed: February 11, 2002

For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER
FERRULE AND METHOD FOR
MAKING THE SAME

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Honorable Sir:

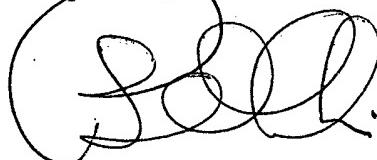
In the Office Action dated August 5, 2003, received in the above-identified application, the Examiner indicated that the application contained claims directed to more than one species of the invention, and required the election under 35 USC §121 of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner stated that there are currently no generic claims.

In order to comply with 35 USC §121, Applicants hereby elect the following species for prosecution on the merits: Group V Figure 7.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

An action on the merits of claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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